(a) whether the heavy influx of migrants in the capital is causing spidemics as reported in the Asian Age dated 18th September, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken/propose to take any steps to check influx of migrants in the capital to avoid spread of epidemics; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्पों द्वारा आयकर की चोरी

2635. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**
श्री राजनाथ सिंह:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्प अपनी वास्तविक आय छुपाकर सरकार को कम आयकर का भुगतान कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम) (क) आयकर विभाग के ध्यान में ऐसा कोई विशिष्ट मामला नहीं आया है जिससे दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्प मालिकों द्वारा आय छिपाने और तदनुसार आयकर की कम अदायगी करने का पता चलता हो।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

News-item captioned "Official junketeers not AI's free load"

2636. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Indian Express, New Delhi, dated 25.10.1996 caption "Official Junketeers not AI's free load";

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of free rides given for the last 3 years by Tourism Department Officers to foreign Opinion makers to take all expenses-paid trips to India by Air India and Indian Airlines and actual expenses involved thereby, year-wise; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of the resentment reportedly expressed by our airlines as no budgetary allocations are made for such "ticketless travel"?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under:—

Year	Number of free passages availed		Amount spent by D/o Tourism on local hospitality (Rs. in lakhs)
	On Air India	On Indian Airlines	
1993-94	970	675	85
1994-95	1551	1059	75
1995-96	852	507	118.50

No cost was incurred by Indian Airlines and Air India as free passages are generally accommodated after revenue paying passangers.

(c) Airlines are generally opposed to the grant of free passeges.

Mal-practices on account of free import of Gold

2637. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to allegations that the decision to allow free import of Gold has been instrumental for a sharp increase in over-invoicing of merchandise imports and under-invoicing of merchandise exports; and